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The Eagles play host to New Mexico State next Saturday.

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Football

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Gallery: (10/19/2019) Football vs. Coastal Carolina

STATESBORO – [Mark Michaud](#) caught back-to-back long touchdown passes from [Shai Werts](#), and [Wesley Kennedy III](#) scored the game-winning touchdown on a 3-yard run to lift Georgia Southern to a 30-27 triple overtime Sun Belt Conference football victory over Coastal Carolina on a rainy and soggy Saturday afternoon in Paulson Stadium.

Coastal Carolina (3-4, 0-3) got the ball first in the third overtime period and had to settle for a Massimo Biscardi 28-yard field goal and a 27-24 lead. The Eagle defense stopped Bryce Carpenter short of the first-down marker on 3rd-and-8 to set up the field goal try.

Georgia Southern (3-3, 2-1) faced 3rd-and-2 on its ensuing possession, and [J.D. King](#) picked up 14 yards. Kennedy III scored his second touchdown of the game a play later for the final 30-27 victory.

Trailing 17-10, GS faced 4th-and-5 on their first possession of overtime when Werts found Michaud in the corner of the end zone for a 20-yard touchdown strike. The senior receiver went up to get the ball and dragged a foot inbounds for the score. The Eagles got the ball first in the second overtime period and ran the exact same play with the same result, this time a 25-yard touchdown reception and a 24-17 lead. They were the first two touchdown passes of the season for the Eagles.

Carpenter kept Coastal's chances afloat with a 4-yard pass to Ky'Jon Tyler on 4th-and-3, and CJ Marable tied the score 24-24 with an 8-yard run to send the contest into a third overtime period.

GS Players of the Game: Kennedy III ran 25 times for 121 yards and two scores, and [J.D. King](#) rushed for 80 yards on 21 carries. Michaud's touchdown receptions were his only two of the game.

Key Moments in regulation: Leading 10-7 in the fourth quarter, Georgia Southern helped keep Coastal Carolina's game-tying drive alive with two penalties on Chanticleer punt attempts. The first was a five-yard offsides penalty on 4th-and-6, and Coastal Carolina elected to go for it on 4th-and-1, which Jacquez Hairston picked up with a 1-yard run. The second penalty was a 15-yard personal foul call for "leaping the punt shield" on 4th-and-10. Biscardi made good on a 45-yard field goal three plays later to tie the score 10-10 with 7:33 to go.

The Eagles had a would-be game-winning 53-yard field goal try sail wide left with nine seconds left after a pass interference call against Coastal Carolina on 3rd-and-18 gave the Eagles the ball at the Coastal 43-yard line.

Fun Stat: The teams combined to go 9-for-28 on 3rd down in the game but were 5-for-5 on 4th down.

Key Scoring Plays:

GS – [Tyler Bass](#) 45-yard FG with 1:44 to go in the 1st, 3-0
CCU – Carpenter 35-yard pass to Isaiah Likely with 14:54 left in the 2nd, 3-7
GS – Kennedy III 4-yard run with 7:04 left in 2nd, 10-7
CCU - Biscardi 45-yard field goal with 7:33 left in the 4th, 10-10
CCU - Carpenter 1-yard run on Chant's 1st possession in OT, 10-17
GS – [Shai Werts](#) 20-yard pass to [Mark Michaud](#) on 1st possession in OT, 17-17
GS – Werts 25-yard pass to Michaud on 2nd possession in OT, 24-17
CCU – CJ Marable 8-yard run on 2nd possession in OT, 24-24
CCU - Biscardi 28-yard field goal on 3rd possession in OT, 24-27
GS – Kennedy III 3-yard run on 3rd possession in OT, 30-27

Up Next

The Eagles will stay in Statesboro and play host to New Mexico State on Homecoming next Saturday in the final non-conference contest of the season for Georgia Southern. Kickoff is set for 3 p.m. in Paulson Stadium, and the game will be broadcast on ESPN3. Tickets can be purchased at GSEagles.com.